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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:) Group Art Unit: 1712
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 KAWASE; HORIGUCHI; KAWAHITO) Examiner: M.G. Moore
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 Serial No. 10/713,102)
)
 Filed: November 17, 2003)

For: FLOW-AND-LEVELING AGENTS FOR WATERBORNE COATINGS

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action having a mailing date of April 21, 2006, with a three month shortened statutory period to respond set to expire on July 21, 2006. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

In view of the following remarks and claim amendments, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the rejections and allow all claims as presently claimed in this application.